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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RENTING OR PURCHASING GOODS VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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37 C.F.R. § 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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- ☒ the specification filed herewith.
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Name of Inventor Thomas C. Chuang	Signature of Inventor 	Date October 22, 2003
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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

AS A BELOW-NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RENTING OR PURCHASING GOODS VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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